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To Her
who has always made
CHRISTMAS DAY
the happiest Day of all the Year
MY MOTHER

W a r n i n g ! ! !

GOOD Friend, *Beware!* Here thou hast no *Learned Treatise*. Here is no *Poem*, divinely inspired. In thy Hands thou dost not hold aught but a few *Straws*, a mere *Sheaflet*. Here are no great Thoughts, no Flights of the Imagination, no proud Records. If, from the *Title*, some should suppose that here they might find somewhat of Use in the *Harvesting* of their *Grain*, let them be undeceived, for of all such not one will fail to be *grievously disappointed*.

Left thou, *most gentle Reader*, suffer with them, hear the *Fable of the Straws* & from it learn the Use to which thou mayest put this little *Sheaf*.

In a far Country there lived a Mariner whose Name was unknown to all his Fellows, but whose Fame extendeth even to this Day. He was wont to go out on the Deep in Ships of great Burthen, & in Barques, & of all Men he was most justly famed for going & returning quickly.

Now it was seen that when the Wind blew with great Strength this Man was no more successful than his Fellows, but when the Wind was soft so that no one knew whether it blew this Way or

Of the Nature of this Booke

Of Counsel to the Reader

Of the Fable of the Straws

Of the Success of the Mariner